

What to Expect Tomorrow

Synopsys Championship Judging Day

Remember to wear your name badge and bring the floorplan map to your project.

Dress for success, neatly and professionally, and wear an N95/KN95 mask. If you don't have one, one will be provided.

Arrive promptly but not too early. The doors to South Hall open at 1:25 PM for grades 9-12 and at 1:55 PM for grades 6-8. *Exception: students who need to complete compliance requirements must arrive 30 minutes early and check in at the Information Desk.*

Be ready to stay at your project display until 6 PM

- There may be long periods between judges. Bring something to read while sitting quietly. (note: WiFi can be slow when South Hall is full of students.)
- **Bring a water bottle (water fountains are available inside South Hall) and a snack** because food is not available at South Hall. Keep your project area tidy.
- Students must be present at the board to be judged. For team projects, at least one student must be present. Leave a conspicuous note at your board with an estimated time of return if you take a restroom break.

Judging Basics

Judges start reviewing project boards in the morning but will return to ask questions once the students arrive.

Judges will probably interview you one at a time. Some judges represent Category Awards (1st, 2nd, HM in your scientific category) while others are looking for Sponsored Award recipients, and all are really important.

- Please ask **Category Award judges** (wearing blue ribbons) to add a green dot to your Compliance Checklist.
- **Sponsored Awards judges** (wearing white ribbons) represent various organizations with an interest in STEM. Some judges will look at every project on the floor while others are interested only in projects having to do with a specific subject so be aware that your project may not qualify.

Judging usually takes place between 1:30 and 5 PM for grades 9-12 and 2 to 5 PM for grades 6-8. You may be asked to stay by your project from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM so that we can complete judging. Judges will try to notify those students before 4:30 PM.

No Synopsys Championship public viewing.

Remove project boards between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM unless you are directed to stay for further judging.